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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY**  
(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No.  <b>PCT/KR2004/001441</b>	International filing date (day/month/year)  <b>16 JUNE 2004 (16.06.2004)</b>	Priority date (day/month/year)  <b>17 JUNE 2003 (17.06.2003)</b>
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC  <b>IPC7 E02B 3/08</b>		
Applicant  <b>HUH, Soo-Young et al</b>		

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

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- Box No. I Basis of the report
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

PCT/KR2004/001441

## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:  
pages 1-12 received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished  
pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_  
pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

the claims:  
pages \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished  
pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19  
pages\* 13-15 received by this Authority on 25.03.2005  
pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

the drawings:  
pages 1-2 received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished  
pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_  
pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

the sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_  
 the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_  
 the drawings, sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
 the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

4.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_  
 the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_  
 the drawings, sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
 the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO
Invéntive step (IS)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: KR 20-0279894 A (SUNBIMAKAPERI CO.) 17 June 2002
- D2: US 6168118 A (N. V. BEKAERT S. A.) 2 January 2001
- D3: JP 09-296430 A (TOMUTECKO CO.) 18 November 1997
- D4: JP 13-207428 A (SIRIDOMAICHI) 3 August 2001

Novelty (PCT Article 33(2))

The present invention relates to a double-twist spiral wire for a gabion unit, characterized in that two vertical wires are spirally rotated in an opposite direction to each other, twisting around one horizontal wire, thereby producing a wire having double-twist structure.

The subject matter of the present application is different from that of D1-D4. Thus, the subject matter of claims 1-6 seems to be novel.

Inventive Step (PCT Article 33(3))

None of D1-D4 teach or fairly suggest the subject matter of the present application. Thus, the subject matter of claims 1-6 seems to involve an inventive step.